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Dear Charlie,

If I may, I would like to answer both your letter of 4 February and your letter of 6 February 1959 with this writing. In the former you attached a letter from the Flight Safety Foundation requesting reprints of your press release on the Typhoon. In the latter you requested our permission to publish an article and picture concerning the panoramic camera photographs of typhoon eyes in your house organ, "Optics Plus."

We concur in your sending a copy of your press release to Flight Safety Foundation. I don't think that you could diplomatically do otherwise. I request, however, that you do not send them original photographs of the typhoon eye but instead refer them to Dr. Roy D. Fletcher, Air Force Weather Control, Scott Field, Illinois, advising that permission must be obtained from Dr. Fletcher before you would be able to release them.

As you recall, I discussed your letter of 6 February with you on the telephone on 18 February. I requested that you not run the article in "Optics Plus." Whereas we have always felt that a minimum amount of publicity would always enhance our cover story, we believe that too much publicity would subject our activities to closer scrutiny than we are prepared to cope with. I would also like to remind you that the 75mm tracker camera did not in fact take the pictures in question. I'm sure that you understand and will give me your full cooperation.

In the meantime, I would be interested in hearing of any and all inquiries you may have concerning the typhoon releases, in addition to any inquiries you may have relative to the hardware you produce for us.

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